

**THE RIGHT TO KNOW COMMITTEE
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

**ACTIONS FOR
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2004 AT 6:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS (12TH FLOOR), CITY ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING
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COUNCIL COMMENT:
NONE

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mel Shapiro:
Would like to see the Right To Know Committee discuss the issue of ad-hoc committee rules.

ADOPTION AGENDA

ITEM-1: Public's Ability To Obtain Documents

Shall the Committee recommend that the City Council adopt language to be included within the temporary rule pertaining to the public's ability to obtain documents?

PUBLIC COMMENT
NONE

ACTION: Motion by Deputy Mayor Atkins, second by Councilmember Frye to direct the City Clerk's office to enhance sections of the City Clerk's website related to requests for public documents, change the "Date of Request" form to be more specific, add fact sheets about how to file a public records request, post a list of records management liaisons/coordinators on the website for each city department, board and commission, add informational language to the City Council docket on how to file a public records request, provide a specific timeframe to those who file a public records request as to when the documents requested will be provided, that public documents be made available in a meaningful and understandable way and that documents that are lengthy and/or controversial be distributed 1 additional week before the City Council meeting that will consider the item.

VOTE: 2-0; Frye-yea, Atkins-yea

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ITEM-2: Serial Meetings

Shall the Committee adopt language to be included in Chapter 2 of the San Diego Municipal Code that would clarify the Brown Act's prohibition of serial meetings?

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED BY:

Mel Shapiro:

Expressed concern that ceremonial documents signed before an official vote has been taken by the City Council could be considered a form of a serial meeting.

Clive Richards:

Expressed concern that ceremonial documents signed before an official vote has been taken by the City Council could be considered a form of a serial meeting.

Mike Aguirre:

Discussed the issue of when public officials could be considered as having a serial meeting.

ACTION: Motion by Deputy Mayor Atkins, second by Councilmember Frye to direct the City Attorney to adopt language from section 54952.2 of the Ralph M. Brown Act to be included in Chapter 2 of the San Diego Municipal Code that would clarify the Brown Act's prohibition of serial meetings and bring it back for review by the Right To Know Committee to be forwarded for consideration to the Rules, Finance and Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

VOTE: 2-0; Frye-yea; Atkins-yea

ITEM-3: Non-Agenda Public Comment

Shall the Committee adopt language that would amend Rule 8 (Non-Agenda Public Comment) of the San Diego Municipal Code, Chapter 2, Article 2, Division 1?

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED BY:

Mel Shapiro:

Suggested that San Diego have an overall time limit for Non-Agenda Public Comment.

Clive Richards:

The public should be prohibited from using abusive language when addressing the City Council.

Mike Aguirre:

Discussed what he believes is an inappropriate policy that the Monday and Tuesday City Council meetings are considered as one (1) meeting.

ACTION: Motion by Deputy Mayor Atkins, second by Councilmember Frye to direct the City Attorney to adopt language that would amend Rule 8 (Non-Agenda Public Comment) of the San Diego Municipal Code, Chapter 2, Article 2, Division 1, and that the City Attorney return with recommendations about how to restore public comment to the Monday City Council proceedings and bring it back for review by the Right To Know Committee to be forwarded for consideration to the Rules, Finance and Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

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VOTE: 2-0; Frye-yea; Atkins-yea

Next Right To Know Meeting Date

June 23, 2004 at 6:00 pm
Council Chambers (12th floor)
City Administration Building
202 C Street, San Diego, California

Chair